

Illinois Purchased Review Board (IPCRB) Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Boyd Ferguson at 1:09 p.m. and roll was taken.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Boyd Ferguson, Chair, Illinois State Board of Education, Division of Special Education Services;
Marc Staley, Vice-chair, Governor's Office of Management and Budget (arrived at 1:18 p.m.);
Rhonda Davis, Secretary, Department of Human Services, Division of Rehabilitation Services;
Chris Dirks, Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Bureau of Health Finance;
Tracy Morgan, Department of Public Health, Office of Policy, Planning and Statistics;
Scott Nichols, Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities;
Roger Thompson, Department of Children & Family Services, Office of Planning & Budget.

Staff:

Satu Allen, Lauren Russell, and Deb Loman, Illinois State Board of Education.

Guests:

Michael Novak, representing Soaring Eagle Academy; D. D. Fischer and Tom Dempsey, representing New Connections Academy.

MINUTES

The Chair asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August Board meeting. Chris Dirks made the motion to approve the minutes; Tracy Morgan seconded the motion. The motion passed and the August 2nd Board meeting minutes were approved.

SCHOOLS

Satu Allen presented an appeal by Arrowhead Ranch based on discovery of a clerical error. Chris Dirks made the motion to approve the appeal rate; Scott Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed and the appeal rate of \$170.14 was approved.

Lauren Russell presented an appeal of the initial rate for Soaring Eagle Academy facility #267. The provider contended that the change in rate due to a change in the number of days of operation would result in a major loss of income and financial hardship for the school. Lauren stated that the rate had been calculated consistent with IPCRB rules and regulations. Scott Nichols stated that the Board must

be consistent in the application of its rules, and made the motion to deny the appeal. Chris Dirks seconded the motion. The appeal was denied, with Rhonda Davis voting opposed, and Marc Staley abstaining; and the rate remained at \$371.55 for facility #267.

Satu Allen and Lauren Russell then presented rates for the 2011-2012 school year. Please refer to the Minutes Attachment for all rates presented, amounts, and action taken.

Achievement Centers rate was tabled due to the fact the for-profit requirements weren't satisfied. The Board decided to table the rate and request additional information based on the memorandum sent out to all for-profit providers. Marc Staley motioned to table the rate until we receive sufficient information to set a rate. Scott Nichols seconded the motion. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Boyd Ferguson updated the Board on the status of the review of the IPCRB By-Laws. He said he had received the draft of suggested revisions from Funding & Disbursements staff, and were currently being reviewed by Beth Hanselman, Assistant Superintendent of Special Education. He again requested the members email any suggestions for changes to him so they can be considered and/or included during the review process.

NEW BUSINESS

Satu Allen asked how she should proceed with a provider whose profit was denied during the August Board meeting due to lack of detail in the audit. The Board members determined that the best course of action is to contact the Provider and give them an option to provide additional detail vouched by the auditor.

Satu Allen noted that Camelot Schools have requested guidance regarding reporting requirements due to a change in their fiscal year. Camelot school will have only a partial year audit during fiscal year 2011. The two most popular suggestions were to annualize a 9-month fiscal year or do a budget. Marc Staley quoted Section 900.320 e) which allows the Board to request such additional financial information as is necessary to fulfill its duties and made a motion to allow a waiver for the FY 11 reporting requirements that will allow a rate to be set on partial-year financial records based on their newly adopted fiscal year and provide budgeted costs for the remaining time so the rate calculations can be based on a full year. Rhonda Davis seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Chair Ferguson asked if there were any further business for the Board's consideration. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn. Chris Dirks made the motion to adjourn; Rhonda Davis seconded. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Illinois Purchased Care Review Board will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room on the fourth floor of the Illinois State Board of Education.